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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ANDERSON ET AL.

Examiner

Kagnev H. Gebreyesus

Art Unit

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Period for Reply.

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group 1, claim(s) 1-11, drawn to a composition comprising an orthogonal glutamyl-tRNA (glutamyl O-tRNA), wherein the glutamyl O-tRNA comprises at least about a 50% suppression efficiency in the presence of a cognate synthetase in response to a selector codon as compared to the glutamyl O-tRNA corresponding to a polynucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO.: 67 (AE(GC) tRNA).

Group 2, claim(s) 12-23 are drawn to a cell comprising a translation system, wherein the translation system comprises: an orthogonal glutamyl-tRNA (glutamyl O-tRNA), wherein the glutamyl O-tRNA comprises at least about a 50% suppression efficiency in the presence of a cognate synthetase in response to a first selector codon as compared to the glutamyl O-tRNA comprising or encoded by a polynucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO.: 67 (AE(GC) tRNA); an orthogonal aminoacyl-glutamyl-tRNA synthetase (glutamyl O-RS); and, a first selected amino acid; wherein the glutamyl O-tRNA recognizes the first selector codon, and the glutamyl O-RS preferentially aminoacylates the glutamyl O-tRNA with the first selected amino acid.

The special technical feature linking the invention of Group I and II is an orthogonal tRNA^{Glu} corresponding to the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 67 with at least 50% suppression efficiency in the presence of an ORS in response to a selector codon.

However Santoro et al teach an archaebacterial-derived glutamyl-tRNA that was used to produce proteins comprising unnatural amino acid(s) in the presence of a corresponding ORS. Because the claim recitation "corresponding to" does not limit the claim to SEQ ID NO: 67, the technical feature is not a special technical feature as defined by PCT Rule 13.2.

Furthermore this application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

i) SEQ ID NO: 68 encoding the ORS of SEQ ID NO: 69, ii) SEQ ID NO: 72 encoding the ORS of SEQ ID NO: 73, iii) SEQ ID NO: 74 encoding the ORS of SEQ ID NO: 75, iv) SEQ ID NO: 76 encoding the ORS of SEQ ID NO: 77.

Each of the ORS molecules comprises a structurally distinct species originating from different organisms.

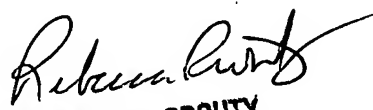
Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kagnaw H. Gebreyesus whose telephone number is 571-272-2937. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathleen Kerr Bragdon can be reached on 571-272-0931. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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